

# Southeast Universities Research Association

## Information Technology

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# SURA Mission

- Foster excellence in scientific research
- Strengthen the scientific and technical capabilities of the nation and the Southeast
- Provide outstanding training opportunities for the next generation of scientists and engineers

# Information Technology Goals

- Serve the SURA goals
- Facilitate access to highly integrated digital communications services at affordable costs
- Integrate high performance voice, data and video services in a competitive, ever-changing, multi-vendor environment
- Build recognition for SURA and its members as leaders in IT
- Help SURA institutions anticipate change and optimize any potential federal subsidies

The most important information technology issue facing SURA is to formulate and implement an IT strategy for its members and this region.

## Choice #1

### Continue as before

- Slow pace
- Cumbersome procedure for funding and decision-making
- Inexpensive at the moment, but the long-term cost in lost opportunities will be great

## Choice #2

# Change the way we operate

- Develop accelerated strategy and goals
- Hire high-level talent and support staff
- Create streamlined decision-making process
- Establish oversight that is adequate but not onerous
- Provide time-limited investment package needed to achieve accelerated strategy and goals
- Allow flexibility for goals to change given fast-moving circumstances

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